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Phillis Johnson Ball SEA Project Manager Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street N.W. Washington DC 20423-0001



RE:

STB Finance Docket No. 34075 - Environmental Comments
Six County Association of Governments - Construction and Operation Exemption Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

I am a resident of Richfield, Utah and would like to state my support in favor of the new rail line to be located in Central Utah. I understand that the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is conducting an environmental review for the proposed construction of this new rail line and would like to encourage them to complete this review as quickly as possible so authority can be granted to proceed with this vitally needed project.

Not only would this project possibly bring more job opportunities to the area, but it would greatly reduce the number of coal trucks traveling our local highways. This has been a safety issue for years and has caused considerable amount of wear and tear.

I appreciate the Six County Association of Governments for reaching out to the communities in developing the preferred route. I support this preferred route for a number of reasons including safety issues, minimum impact to the communities and residents, and their sensitivity to the farmlands, wetlands, and cultural and historical resources.

I hope this project can move forward in a very timely manner. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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